The Cross is the guardian of the whole world;

the Cross is the support and staff of the faithful;

the Cross is the beauty of the Church of Christ;

the Cross is the mighty strength of kings;

the Cross is the glory of Angels;

it is the wounding of demons.
Today the Cross is lifted up, and all the world is sanctified. For Thou, while thronged with the Father and with the Holy Spirit, by stretching out Thy hands there-on, hast drawn the whole world to Thyself, that it might know Thee, O my Christ. Therefore, vouch-safe divine glory to them that trust in thy goodness.

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